

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bonutti, Peter M.

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For: Apparatus and Method for Tissue Removal

Examiner: Hoffman, Mary C.

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Examiner Hoffman:

Responsive to the Office action dated June 23, 2008, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.